

Tuesday, May 5, 1998

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate passed Job Training Partnership Act.

Senate

Chamber Action

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Measures Introduced: Five bills were introduced as follows: S. 2031–2035. Page S4357

Measures Reported: Reports were made as follows:

S. 1618, to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to improve the protection of consumers against “slamming” by telecommunications carriers, with amendments. (S. Rept. No. 105–183)

S. 442, to establish a national policy against State and local government interference with interstate commerce on the Internet or interactive computer services, and to exercise Congressional jurisdiction over interstate commerce by establishing a moratorium on the imposition of exactions that would interfere with the free flow of commerce via the Internet, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 105–184) Page S4357

Measures Passed:

Job Training Partnership Act: By 91 yeas to 7 nays (Vote No. 119), Senate passed H.R. 1385, to consolidate, coordinate, and improve employment, training, literacy, and vocational rehabilitation programs in the United States, as previously amended. Pages S4252–S4349

Senate insisted on its amendment, requested a conference with the House thereon, and the Chair appointed the following conferees: Senators Jeffords, Coats, Gregg, Frist, DeWine, Enzi, Hutchison, Collins, Warner, McConnell, Kennedy, Dodd, Harkin, Mikulski, Bingaman, Wellstone, Murray, and Reed. Page S4349

National Eating Disorders Awareness Day: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 197, designating May 6, 1998, as “National Eating Disorders Awareness Day” to heighten awareness and stress prevention of eating disorders, and the measure was then agreed to. Page S4375

IRS Reform: Senate continued consideration of H.R. 2676, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to restructure and reform the Internal Revenue Service, with a committee amendment in the nature of a substitute. Pages S4237–47, S4251–52, S4351–53

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill and certain amendments to be proposed thereto. Page S4351

Senate will continue consideration of the bill on Wednesday, May 6, 1998.

Messages From the President: Senate received the following messages from the President of the United States:

Transmitting the report concerning the national emergency with respect to Sudan; referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. (PM–119). Pages S4353–54

Transmitting the report entitled “The State of Small Business”; referred to the Committee on Small Business. (PM–120). Pages S4354–56

Transmitting the report on the Pemigewasset River in New Hampshire; referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. (PM–121). Page S4356

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Norman Y. Mineta, of California, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority for a term of six years. (New Position)

Hans Mark, of Texas, to be Director of Defense Research and Engineering, vice Anita K. Jones, resigned.

Clyde J. Hart, Jr., of New Jersey, to be Administrator of the Maritime Administration, vice Albert J. Herberger, resigned. Pages S4377–78

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Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total–119) Page S4266

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m., and adjourned at 7:17 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Wednesday, May 6, 1998. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S4376.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

AVIATION COMPETITION

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Transportation and Related Agencies concluded hearings to examine the state of competition in the aviation industry, focusing on airline ticketing and related antitrust enforcement practices, after receiving testimony from Patrick V. Murphy, Jr., Deputy Assistant Secretary of Transportation; Alfred Kahn, Cornell University, Ithaca, New York; Darryl Jenkins, George Washington University, and Larry Darby, Darby Associates, both of Washington, D.C.; Borden Burr, All Seasons Travel Agency, Birmingham, Alabama; and Lauraday Kelley, Cruiselink, Hummelstown, Pennsylvania.

AUTHORIZATION—DEFENSE

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Acquisition and Technology met in closed session and approved for full committee consideration those provisions which fall within the subcommittee's jurisdiction of the proposed National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 1999.

AUTHORIZATION—DEFENSE

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on AirLand Forces met in closed session and approved for full committee consideration those provisions which fall within the subcommittee's jurisdiction of the proposed National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 1999.

AUTHORIZATION—DEFENSE

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Readiness met in closed session and approved for full committee consideration those provisions which fall within the subcommittee's jurisdiction of the proposed National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 1999.

AUTHORIZATION—DEFENSE

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Seapower met in closed session and approved for full committee consideration those provisions which fall within the subcommittee's jurisdiction of the proposed National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 1999.

AUTHORIZATION—DEFENSE

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Strategic Forces met in closed session and approved for full committee consideration those provisions which fall within the subcommittee's jurisdiction of the proposed National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 1999.

NOMINATION

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded hearings on the nomination of Deborah K. Kilmer, of Idaho, to be an Assistant Secretary of Commerce, after the nominee testified and answered questions in her own behalf.

PUBLIC LAND MANAGEMENT

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Forests and Public Land Management resumed hearings on S. 1253, to provide to the Federal land management agencies the authority and capability to manage effectively the federal lands in accordance with the principles of multiple use and sustained yield, receiving testimony from William H. Meadows and Mike Anderson, both of the Wilderness Society, Washington, D.C.; and Todd True Earthjustice Legal Defense Fund, Seattle, Washington.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

D.C. STUDENT OPPORTUNITY SCHOLARSHIP ACT

Committee on Governmental Affairs: Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management, Restructuring, and the District of Columbia concluded hearings to examine the impact of S. 1502, District of Columbia Student Opportunity Scholarship Act if enacted into law, after receiving testimony from Virginia Walden and Wesley Walker-Bey, both of Washington, D.C.

CHILD SAFETY

Committee on Labor and Human Resources: Committee concluded hearings to examine the progress over the last ten years of the National SAFE KIDS Campaign in the prevention of childhood injuries, after receiving testimony from Ann Brown, Chairman, U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission; Ricardo Martinez, Administrator, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, Department of Transportation; C.

Everett Koop, former U.S. Surgeon General, and Heather Paul, Washington, D.C., both on behalf of the National SAFE KIDS Campaign; Ralph S. Larsen, Johnson & Johnson, New Brunswick, New Jersey; Robert C. Lange, General Motors Corporation, Warren, Michigan; Greg LeMond, Wayzata, Minnesota; Mikaela Matton, Marietta, Georgia; and Cullen Dwyer, Pembroke, Massachusetts.

COMMUNITY SERVICES BLOCK GRANT

Committee on Labor and Human Resources: Subcommittee on Children and Families concluded hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds to expand opportunities for community and neighborhood partnerships through the Community Services Block Grant program, after receiving testimony from Don Sykes, Director, Office of Community Services, Administration for Children and Families, Department

of Health and Human Services; Evelyn Harris, New York State Division of Community Services, Albany; Gloria Clark, City of Los Angeles Department of Housing and Neighborhood Services, Los Angeles, California; E. Phillip McKain, CTE Inc., Stamford, Connecticut; Jerry Rickett, Kentucky Highlands Investment Corporation, London, Kentucky; Robert L. Woodson, Sr., National Center for Neighborhood Enterprise, and Tyrone C. Parker, Alliance of Concerned Men, both of Washington, D.C.; and Robert E. Friedman, Corporation for Enterprise Development, San Francisco, California.

BUSINESS MEETING

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee met in closed session to consider certain intelligence matters, but made no announcements, and will meet again tomorrow.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 9 public bills, H.R. 3789–3797, and 1 resolution, H. Con. Res. 271, were introduced.

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Reports Filed: Reports were filed as follows:

H.R. 1021, to provide for a land exchange involving certain National Forest System lands within the Routt National Forest in the State of Colorado. (H. Rept. 105–506);

H. Res. 419, providing for consideration of H.R. 1972, amend the Communications Satellite Act of 1962 to promote competition and privatization in satellite communications (H. Rept. 105–507);

H.R. 3694, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 1999 for intelligence and intelligence-related activities of the United States Government, the Community Management Account, and the Central Intelligence Agency Retirement and Disability System (H. Rept. 105–508).

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Speaker pro Tempore: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he designated Representative Emerson to act as Speaker pro tempore for today.

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Guest Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the guest Chaplain, the Rev. Richard Lothian, III of Somerset, New Jersey.

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Recess: The House recessed at 1:07 p.m. and reconvened at 2:00 p.m.

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Suspensions: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

Madrid Protocol Implementation Act: H.R. 567, to amend the Trademark Act of 1946 to provide for the registration and protection of trademarks used in commerce, in order to carry out provisions of certain international conventions;

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American Terrorism Victims: H. Con. Res. 220, amended, regarding American victims of terrorism (agreed to by a ye and nay vote of 406 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 125); and

Pages H2756–58, H2771–72

Use of Illegal Drugs: H. Res. 267, expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that the citizens of the United States must remain committed to combat the distribution, sale, and use of illegal drugs by the Nation's youth (agreed to by ye and nay vote of 408 yeas to 1 nay, Roll No. 126).

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Recess: The House recessed at 3:23 p.m. and reconvened at 5:00 p.m.

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Higher Education Amendments of 1998: The House resumed consideration of amendments to H.R. 6 to extend the authorization of programs under the Higher Education Act of 1965. The House completed general debate and began consideration of amendments to the bill on Wednesday, April 29.

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Agreed To:

The McGovern amendment that establishes a program to increase the Pell grant awards (agreed to by a recorded vote of 220 ayes to 187 noes, Roll No. 124).

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Rejected:

The Paul amendment, debated on April 29, that sought to prohibit the use of social security numbers as the electronic personal identifier for students receiving assistance (rejected by a recorded vote of 112 ayes to 286 noes, Roll No. 122); and

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The Owens amendment, debated on April 29, that sought to establish a postsecondary information technology recruitment program (rejected by a recorded vote of 172 ayes to 234 noes, Roll No. 123).

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Vacate Proceedings:

Agreed by unanimous consent to vacate the April 29 request for a recorded vote on the Roemer amendment that sought to increase the annual loan limit for unsubsidized Stafford loans and further vacate in its entirety the proceedings by which the Committee considered and adopted that amendment by voice vote.

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Order of business:

Agreed by unanimous consent that debate on amendment numbered 73, printed in the Congressional Record, and all amendments thereto, be limited to two hours, equally divided and controlled by Representative Riggs or his designee and Representative Clay or his designee.

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Presidential Messages: Read the following messages from the President:

National Emergency Re Sudan: Message wherein he transmits his report on the national emergency with respect to Sudan—referred to International Relations and ordered printed (H. Doc. 105–247);

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Pemigewasset River in New Hampshire: Message wherein he transmits his report on the Pemigewasset River in New Hampshire—referred to the Committee on Resources; and

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State of Small Business: Message wherein he transmits his annual report on the state of small business—referred to the Committee on Small Business.

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Amendments: Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appear on pages H2814–17.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Two yea and nay votes and three recorded votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H2767–68, H2769–70, H2770–71, H2771–72 and H2772. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: Met at 12:30 p.m. and adjourned at 10:39 p.m.

Committee Meetings

DOLLARS TO THE CLASSROOM ACT

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Held a hearing on H.R. 3248, Dollars to the Classroom Act. Testimony was heard from Senator Hutchinson of Arkansas; Representatives Pitts, Tierney and DeLauro; Linda Schrenko, Superintendent to Schools, State of Georgia; Frank Brogan, Commissioner of Education, State of Florida; Robert Bartman, Commissioner of Education, State of Missouri; and public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT—2000 CENSUS: REVISITING THE 1990 CENSUS

Committee on Government Reform and Oversight: Subcommittee on the Census held an oversight hearing on 2000 Census: Revisiting the 1990 Census. Testimony was heard from Representatives Sawyer and Petri; Kenneth Darga, Demographer, Department of Management and Budget, State of Michigan; and public witnesses.

RWANDA: GENOCIDE AND THE CONTINUING CYCLE OF VIOLENCE

Committee on International Relations: Subcommittee on International Operations and Human Rights held a hearing on Rwanda: Genocide and the Continuing Cycle of Violence. Testimony was heard from Richard McCall, Chief of Staff, AID, U.S. International Development Agency; and public witnesses.

NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT

Committee on National Security: Subcommittee on Military Procurement met in executive session and approved for full Committee action amended H.R. 3616, National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 1999.

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Committee on National Security: Subcommittee on Military Research and Development met in executive session and approved for full Committee action H.R. 3616, National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 1999.

COMMUNICATIONS SATELLITE COMPETITION AND PRIVATIZATION ACT

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, a modified open rule providing 1 hour of debate on H.R. 1872, Communications Satellite Competition and Privatization Act of 1997. The rule makes in order

as an original bill for the purpose of amendment the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Commerce now printed in the bill, which shall be considered as read. The rule provides for consideration of only those amendments that have been pre-printed in the Congressional Record. The rule allows the Chairman of the Committee of the Whole to postpone votes during consideration of the bill, and to reduce voting time to five minutes on a postponed question if the vote follows a fifteen minute vote. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Chairman Bliley and Representative Markey.

OVERSIGHT—PENSION ISSUES

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Oversight continued oversight hearings on various pension issues. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

Joint Meetings

IMF

Joint Economic Committee: Committee concluded hearings to examine issues relating to a proposed expansion of the International Monetary Fund and its impact on international economic policy, focusing on IMF bailouts, loan subsidies, and finances, after receiving testimony from Paul A. Volcker, former Chairman, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System; George P. Schultz, Hoover Institution, Stanford, California, former Secretary of State; and Larry Lindsey, American Enterprise Institute, and William A. Niskanen, CATO Institute, both of Washington, D.C.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D419)

H.R. 3579, making emergency supplemental appropriations for recovery from natural disasters, and for overseas peacekeeping efforts, for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998. Signed May 1, 1998. (P.L. 105-174)

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, MAY 6, 1998

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Defense, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1999 for the Department of Defense, focusing on the U.S. Pacific Command, 10 a.m., SD-192.

Committee on Armed Services, closed business meeting, to mark up a proposed National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 1999, 10 a.m., SR-222.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, Subcommittee on Communications, to hold oversight hearings on the Common Carrier Bureau of the Federal Communications Commission, 9:30 a.m., SR-253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, Subcommittee on Forests and Public Land Management, to hold hearings on S. 94 and H.R. 449, bills to provide for the orderly disposal of Federal lands in Nevada, and for the acquisition of certain environmentally sensitive lands in Nevada, 2:30 p.m., SD-366.

Committee on Foreign Relations, Subcommittee on European Affairs, to hold hearings to examine the crisis in Kosovo, 2 p.m., SD-419.

Committee on Indian Affairs, to resume hearings to examine the status of tribal sovereign immunity and the role it plays to preserve the Federal Government's protection of tribal self-government, and its impact on Indian economic development, commercial dealings, and taxation, focusing on S. 1691, to provide for Indian legal reform, 10 a.m., SD-106.

Select Committee on Intelligence, closed business meeting, to mark up a proposed National Intelligence Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 1999, 10 a.m., SH-219.

Special Committee on Aging, to hold hearings on the status of the Health Care Financing Administration's development of its information campaign and recommendations on how to make seniors better aware of this and other health care resources, 2 p.m., SD-562.

House

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, on the National Labor Relations Board, 2 p.m., 2358 Rayburn.

Committee on Commerce, Subcommittee on Health and Environment, hearing on Regulatory Efforts to Phaseout Chlorofluorocarbon-Based Metered-Dose Inhalers, 10:30 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Government Reform and Oversight, Subcommittee on Government Management, Information, and Technology, to mark up H.R. 716, Freedom From Government Competition Act of 1997, 2 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on International Relations, Subcommittee on the Western Hemisphere, hearing on Latin America and the Caribbean: An Update and Summary of the Summit of the Americas, 1:30 p.m., 2200 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, to mark up the following bills: H.R. 2431, Freedom From Religious Persecution Act of 1997; H.R. 3494, Child Protection and Sexual Predator Punishment Act of 1998; H.R. 3168, Citizen Protection Act and Sexual Predator Punishment Act of 1998; H.R. 3723, United States Patent and Trademark Office Reauthorization Act, Fiscal Year 1999; and H.R. 1690, to amend title 28 of the United States Code regarding enforcement of child custody orders, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on National Security, to mark up H.R. 3616, National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 1999, 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Committee on Rules, to consider H.R. 3694, Intelligence Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 1999 and to mark up H.R. 3534, Mandates Information Act of 1998, 11:30 a.m., H-313 Capitol.

Committee on Science, oversight hearing on the International Space Station: Problems and Options, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, to mark up the following: H.R. 2730, to designate the Federal building located at 309 North Church Street in Dyersburg, Tennessee, as the "Jere Cooper Federal Building;" H.R. 2225, to designate the Federal building and United States courthouse to be constructed on Las Vegas Boulevard between Bridger Avenue and Clark Avenue in Las Vegas, NV, as the "Lloyd D. George Federal Building and United States Courthouse;" H.R. 3453, to designate the Federal Building and Post Office located at 100 East B Street, Casper, Wyoming, as the "Dick Cheney Federal Building;" H.R. 3295, to designate the Federal building located at 1301 Clay Street in Oakland, California, as the "Ronald V. Dellums Federal Building;" H.R. 3504, amended, John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts Authorization Act; H. Con. Res. 255,

amended, authorizing the use of the Capitol grounds for the Greater Washington Soap Box Derby; H. Con. Res. 265, authorizing the use of the East Front of the Capitol Grounds for performances sponsored by the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts; H. Con. Res. 262, amended, authorizing the 1998 District of Columbia Special Olympics Law Enforcement Torch Run to be run through the Capitol Grounds; H. Con. Res. 263, amended, authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for the seventeenth annual National Peace Officers' Memorial Service; Corps of Engineers Survey resolutions; and other pending measures, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Railroads, hearing on Surface Transportation Board Reauthorization: Inter-carrier Transactions, Construction and Abandonments, 10:30 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Committee on Ways and Means, to mark up the following bills: H.R. 3433, Ticket to Work and Self-Sufficiency Act of 1998; and H.R. 2431, Freedom From Religious Persecution Act of 1998, 1:30 p.m., 1100 Longworth.

Joint Meetings

Conferees, on H.R. 2400, to authorize funds for Federal-aid highways, highway safety programs, and transit programs, 4 p.m., SD-406.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

9:30 a.m., Wednesday, May 6

Senate Chamber

Program for Wednesday: Senate will continue consideration of H.R. 2676, IRS Reform.

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

10 a.m., Wednesday, May 6

House Chamber

Program for Wednesday: Consideration of H.R. 1872—Communications Satellite Competition and Privatization Act of 1997 (Modified Open Rule, One Hour General Debate) and

Complete consideration of H.R. 6, Higher Education Amendments of 1998 (Open rule).

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